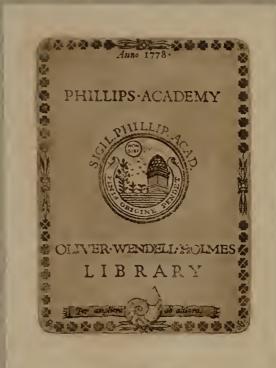
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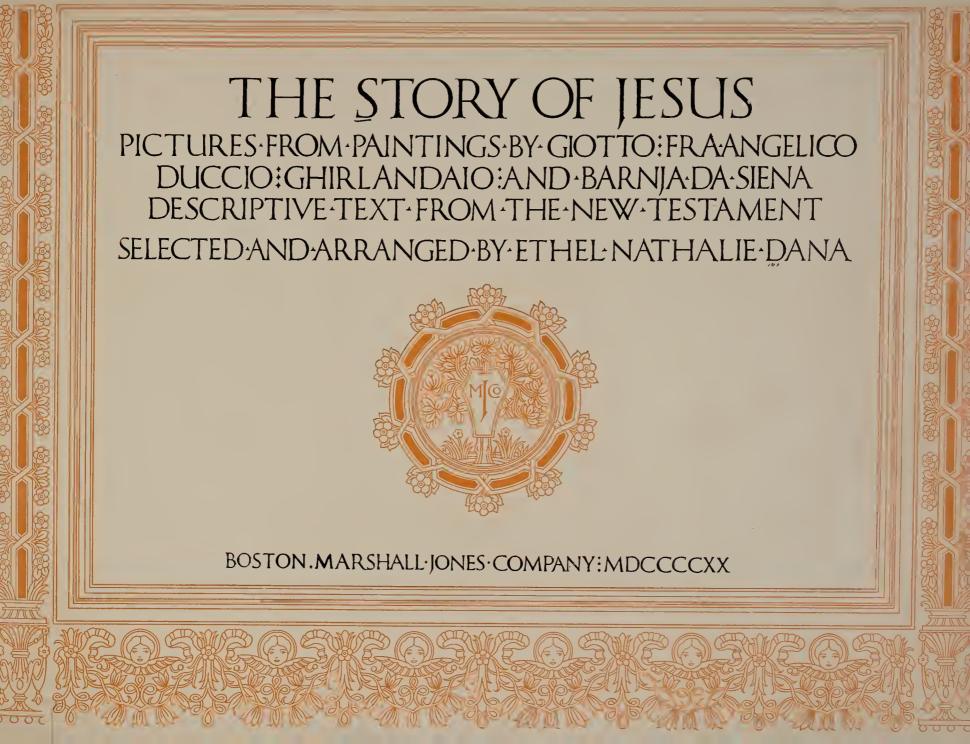


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INTRODUCTION

In mediæval times the Church rose high above all other buildings, overshadowing the town like a great bird protecting her young. For the Church was the home of every interest, taking care of practical as well as spiritual needs. Priests taught in the Schools and Universities, settled the disputes of king and peasant, gave advice to farmers and housewives, and to the sick. The Church also provided pleasures, and amusements. The Mysteries, or theater, were started by St. Francis, and the Feast days of the Saints were the people's holidays, when every one turned out for religious processions, followed by feasting, dancing and merry-making.

Jesus, Mary and the Saints were intimate friends and helpers and every one wanted to know the story of their lives. But in those days printing had not been invented, books were rare and few could read. The best way, therefore, of telling these stories was to make a series of large pictures which could be seen at the same time by many. So the walls of the churches were like picture-books. Bright colors were used and figures so arranged that the stories could be easily understood. So much interest and attention was given to these pictures that the greatest artists were engaged to paint them, and, even today, they tell the story of Jesus better than modern paintings.

Very little beyond these notes is known of the lives of the painters from whose works the following pictures are chosen.

Giotto Bordone, 1276–1336. — Giotto lived in Florence. As a boy he took care of sheep in the fields and used to draw pictures on large flat stones. Cimabue saw these pictures one day, and admired them so much that he took Giotto to be his pupil. Giotto became a painter, sculptor and architect. His principal works are fresco paintings. One of his great series is in Padua (plates 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 35, 36, 38), another at Assisi (plates 2, 4, 9). Giotto lived in stormy times, but he avoided quarrels and absorbed himself in constructive work. He was a friend of Dante and painted his picture on the wall of a palace in Florence. He was of so plain an appearance that his friends joked about it, but he was charming and witty in conversation, and modest in spite of his great reputation.

Fra Giovanni Angelico, 1387-1455. — Fra Angelico became a novice in the Dominican convent of Fiesole, near Florence. For a while he and his brother monks were banished to Cortona where his great picture "The Annunciation" (plate 1), was painted. In 1436 his order received the Monastery of San Marco at Florence. He remained there till called to Rome by the Pope in 1446. He had a beautiful character and was devoted to his daily task. He painted only holy subjects, taking no pay for his work, and always beginning it with prayer. He therefore never changed a design, because he believed that all his work was shown him by heaven. (Plates 7, 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 37, 40.)

Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1449–1494. — Ghirlandaio was born in Florence. His father was a goldsmith, and it is said that he made such exquisite garlands for the hair that he was called Ghirlandaio (the garland twiner). This name descended to his children.

Domenico also learned the goldsmith trade, and enjoyed painting jewelry and rich materials. He was the popular artist of the day, had many pupils, and was the master of Michelangelo. "The Calling of the Disciples" (plate 13), was painted at the height of his career.

Duccio di Buoninsegna, active, 1282–1339. — The time of Duccio's birth is unknown. He lived in Siena and painted a great altar-piece for the cathedral, which in 1310 was borne there from his studio in a solemn procession, led by the Archbishop, followed by clergy, monks, government and communal officers, women and children, with music and ringing of bells. This work, the "Majestas," was painted on both sides. On the front was the Virgin and Child surrounded by Angels and Saints, on the back the life of Jesus in twenty-eight pictures (plate 30). He was among the greatest of the Sienese painters. (Plates 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 39.)

Barna da Siena, active, 1369-1380. His best pictures are those in San Gimignano (plate 34).

Gentile da Fabriano, 1360–1427. Gentile da Fabriano was the leading Umbrian painter of his time. He travelled through the Marches and painted in Rome as well as in northern cities. Bellini was a great friend of his and was with him in Florence. (Plate 8.)

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I THE ANNUNCIATION

FRA ANGELICO

Chiesa del Gesù, Cortona

THE ANNUNCIATION

THE angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God, and, behold, thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest." And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.





II MARY'S VISIT TO ELISABETH

GIOTTO

Church of St. Francis, Assisi

MARY'S VISIT TO ELISABETH

AND Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda, and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, she spake out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed art thou among women." And Mary said,

"My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.





III THE BIRTH OF JESUS

GIOTTO

Arena Chapel, Padua

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.





IV THE SHEPHERDS COME TO JESUS

GIOTTO

Church of St. Francis, Assisi

THE SHEPHERDS COME TO JESUS

ND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.





V THE WISE MEN COME TO JESUS

GIOTTO

Arena Chapel, Padua

THE WISE MEN COME TO JESUS

OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judæa; for thus it is written by the prophet."

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." When they had heard the king, they departed: and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.





VI THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

GIOTTO

Arena Chapel, Padua

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod.





VII THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS

FRA ANGELICO

Accademia di Belle Arti, Florence

THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS

THEN Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.





VIII THE RETURN FROM EGYPT

GENTILE DA FABRIANO

Accademia di Belle Arti, Florence

THE RETURN FROM EGYPT

BUT when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."

And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth.





IX THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

GIOTTO

Church of St. Francis, Assisi

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

ACCORDING to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said.

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
According to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel."

And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary, his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be spoken against."

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, of a great age, which departed not from the temple but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. She coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord.

And they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.





X JESUS TALKS WITH THE DOCTORS IN THE TEMPLE

DUCCIO

Opera del Duomo, Siena

JESUS TALKS WITH THE DOCTORS IN THE TEMPLE

OW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." And he said unto them, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these savings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.





XI THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

GIOTTO

Arena Chapel, Padua

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

N those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Art thou Elias?" And he saith, "I am not." "Art thou that prophet?" And he answered "No." Then said they unto him, "Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us, what sayest thou of thyself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord." And they asked him, and said unto him, "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?" John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."





XII THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

DUCCIO

Benson Collection, London

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

THEN was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." But he answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." Jesus said unto him, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and saith unto him, "All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me." Then saith Jesus unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.





XIII THE CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES

GHIRLANDAIO

Sistine Chapel, Rome

THE CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES

Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, "Follow me." Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said unto him, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip saith unto him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael saith unto him, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." Nathanael answered and saith unto him, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said unto him, "Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these."

And he went forth again by the sea side: and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.





XIV THE MARRIAGE AT CANA

GIOTTO

Arena Chapel, Padua

THE MARRIAGE AT CANA

ND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, "They have no wine." His mother saith unto the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast." And they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse, but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.





XV THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

DUCCIO

Benson Collection, London

THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

THEN cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, "Give me to drink." (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, "How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus answered and said unto her, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, 'Give me to drink'; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?" Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman saith unto him, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw." Jesus saith unto her, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." The woman saith unto him, "I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things." Jesus saith unto her, "I that speak unto thee am he."





XVI THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

FRA ANGELICO

Museo di San Marco, Florence

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. That ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."



XVII THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT OF FISHES

DUCCIO

Opera del Duomo, Siena

THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT OF FISHES

AND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." And Simon answering said unto him, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their net brake, and they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken; and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.





XVIII HEALING THE BLIND

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HEALING THE BLIND

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying and saying, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us." And the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They said unto him, "Yea, Lord." Then touched he their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, "See that no man know it." But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness, and every disease among the people.





XIX SENDING FORTH THE DISCIPLES

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SENDING FORTH THE DISCIPLES

AND it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; Simon (whom he also named Peter) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew. Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphæus, and Simon called Zelotes. And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "As ye go preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor script for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

"And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."





XX THE TRANSFIGURATION

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

AND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then Peter said unto Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles: one for thee and one for Moses, and one for Elias." While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

And Jesus came and touched them, and said, "Arise, and be not afraid." And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead"

They brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and said unto them, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.





XXI THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

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THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

OW, a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany. Therefore, his sisters sent unto Jesus saying, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

When Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him; but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died, but I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, "Where have ye laid him?" They said unto him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me." And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him, and let him go."

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.





XXII THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

And if any man say ought to you, ye shall say, 'The Lord hath need of them'; and straightway he will send them."

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" And the multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."





XXIII THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

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THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

A ND Jesus went into the temple of God, and found in the temple those that sold oxen, and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting.

And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David"; they were sore displeased, and said unto him, "Hearest thou what these say?" And Jesus saith unto them, "Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! that ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."





JUDAS CONSPIRES WITH THE CHIEF PRIESTS

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JUDUS CONSPIRES WITH THE CHIEF PRIESTS

T came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."

Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. But they said, "Not on a feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?" And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time on he sought opportunity to betray him.





XXV THE LAST SUPPER

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THE LAST SUPPER

And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared; there make ready for us." And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

After he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, "Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."





XXVI THE SOP GIVEN TO JUDAS

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THE SOP GIVEN TO JUDAS

HEN Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it." And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, "That thou doest do quickly." He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Whither I go, ye cannot come. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives.





XXVII GETHSEMANE

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GETHSEMANE

And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, "Sit ye here, while I shall pray." And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch."

And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, "Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come: behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go, lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand."





XXVIII THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

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THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

ND while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast." And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, "Hail, master"; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

And behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.





XXIX JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS

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JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS

And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, "This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days." And the high priest arose, and said unto him, "Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee?" But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus saith unto him, "Thou hast said; nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, "He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye?" They answered and said, "He is guilty of death." Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?"





XXX JESUS BEFORE PILATE

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JESUS BEFORE PILATE

HEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the governor.

Pilate then went out unto them, and said, "What accusation bring ye against this man?" They answered and said unto him, "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee." Then said Pilate unto them, "Take ye him, and judge him according to your law." The Jews, therefore, said unto him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death."

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." Pilate, therefore, said unto him, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Pilate saith unto him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith, "I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom that I should release one unto you at the passover; will ye, therefore, that I should release unto you the King of the Jews?" Then cried they all again saying, "Not this man but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it." Then answered all the people, and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Then released he Barabbas unto them.





XXXI THE SCOURGING OF JESUS

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THE SCOURGING OF JESUS

THEN Pilate, therefore, took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they smote him with their hands.

Pilate, therefore, went forth again, and saith unto them, "Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault with him." Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests, therefore, and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him." Pilate saith unto them, "Take ye him, and crucify him; for I find no fault in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he was the more afraid. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him; but the Jews cried out, saying, "If thou let this man
go, thou art not Cæsar's friend; whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against
Cæsar." When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat
down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew,
Gabbatha, and he saith unto the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out,
"Away with him, away with him, crucify him." Pilate saith unto them, "Shall I crucify
your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no King but Cæsar."

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own rainment on him, and led him away to crucify him.





XXXII THE BEARING OF THE CROSS

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THE BEARING OF THE CROSS

A ND as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."





XXXIII THE PARTING OF JESUS' GARMENTS

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THE PARTING OF JESUS' GARMENTS

THEN the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be." These things therefore the soldiers did.



XXXIV THE CRUCIFIXION

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THE CRUCIFIXION

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God." And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, "If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself."

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." But the other answering rebuked him, saying, "Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." And he said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.



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XXXV THE MARYS AT THE CROSS

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THE MARYS AT THE CROSS

OW there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then saith he to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is to say, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, "This man calleth for Elias." And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, "Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him." Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God."



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XXXVI THE ENTOMBMENT

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THE ENTOMBMENT

HEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.





XXXVII THE RESURRECTION

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THE RESURRECTION

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel said unto the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.





XXXVIII JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

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JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

B UT Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She saith unto them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him."

And when she had thus said she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus saith unto her, "Mary." She turned herself, and saith unto him, "Rabboni"; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God."

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.





X XXIX JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

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JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

As the eleven were gathered together, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you." But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." And when he had thus spoken he shewed them his hands and his feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, "Have ye here any meat?" And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.





XL THE ASCENSION

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THE ASCENSION

ND he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.



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